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SUBJ: (U) HUMAN RIGHTS: THE DAGMAR HAGELIN CASE

1. [REDACTED] SUMMARY. SWEDISH GOVERNMENT INTEREST REMAINS HIGH IN THE CASE OF DAGMAR HAGELIN, WHO DISAPPEARED IN BUENOS AIRES IN JANUARY 1977. NEW TESTIMONY, SUMMARIZED BELOW (AND POUCHED TO HA, EUR/NE AND EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES), HAS SERVED AS THE BASIS FOR A NEW DEMARCHE TO THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. NO US ASSISTANCE IS DESIRED AT THIS TIME. END SUMMARY.

2. [REDACTED] SWEDISH AUTHORITIES NOW HAVE DIRECT TESTIMONY TAKEN HERE IN STOCKHOLM ON DECEMBER 13 FROM AN EYE WITNESS ACQUAINTANCE OF HAGELIN WHO WAS HERSELF JAILED BY ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES FROM JANUARY 26, 1977 TO JANUARY 25, 1979 AND WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN HAGELIN IN PRISON ON THREE OCCASIONS SHORTLY AFTER HER ARREST.- THE WITNESS, NORMA SUSANA BURGOS, CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN HAGELIN FIRST ON JANUARY 27, 1977, AGAIN APPROXIMATELY TWO TO THREE DAYS LATER, AND ONCE MORE ABOUT A WEEK AFTER THAT. SHE CONFIRMS THAT HAGELIN WAS WONDED.

3. [REDACTED] THE FOREIGN MINISTRY CONCLUSION FROM THIS
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TESTIMONY IS THAT IT SERVES AS FIRM EVIDENCE THAT HAGELIN WAS INDEED TAKEN PRISONER, THAT THE WOUNDS

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INFLICTED AT THE TIME OF HER ARREST WERE NOT MORTAL ONES, AND THAT SHE SURVIVED THE FIRST TEN DAYS OF HER IMPRISONMENT.

4. [REDACTED] BASED ON THIS NEW INFORMATION AND EARLIER INDICATIONS THAT HAGELIN WAS PROBABLY STILL ALIVE EARLY IN 1978, SWEDISH OFFICIALS HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT SHE IS NOT STILL ALIVE.

5. [REDACTED] THE SWEDISH AMBASSADOR IN BEUNOS AIRES WAS CALLED HOME IN DECEMBER AT THE TIME THE TESTIMONY WAS TAKEN AND TOOK BACK WITH HIM TO BUENOS AIRES AT THE END OF DECEMBER A MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER FALLDIN TO PRESIDENT VIDELA. NO RESPONSE HAS YET BEEN RECEIVED.

6. [REDACTED] THE FACT OF THE NEW TESTIMONY AND THE DEMARCHE BECAME PUBLIC HERE ON JANUARY 15 BECAUSE OF A PRESS LEAK. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE MINISTRY'S PREFERENCE TO PURSUE THIS LONGER IN A MORE QUIET WAY IN ORDER TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT TO RESPOND POSITIVELY. THE MINISTRY HAS ASKED US TO TREAT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE NEW TESTIMONY AS CONFIDENTIAL AND ASKS NO US ASSISTANCE AT THIS TIME.
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